

PUBLIC PRINTING.

LETTER

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC PRINTING,

TRANSMITTING

His annual report.

JANUARY 9, 1861.—Referred to the Committee on Printing and ordered to be printed.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PUBLIC PRINTING,

Washington, January 9, 1861.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, in order that it may be laid before the House, the eighth annual report of this office, showing the condition of the public printing.

I am, very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant.

JOHN HEART,
Superintendent.

Hon. WILLIAM PENNINGTON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC PRINTING,

Washington, January 9, 1861.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit, for the information of Congress, the eighth annual report of this office, showing the condition and cost of the public printing, and such other information in connexion therewith as is deemed of public interest.

PRINTING OF THE 1ST SESSION 36TH CONGRESS.

The very large amount of printing ordered at the 1st session of the present Congress has been expedited as much as practicable,

both the offices engaged in its execution having worked extra hours during nearly the whole of the recess, and one of them up to the present time. The orders are now nearly completed, so far as depends upon the printing, and copies of all the documents, with few exceptions, are within the reach of members of Congress.

The Report of the Exploration of the River Colorado of the West, by Lieutenant J. C. Ives, topographical engineers, has not been delivered to the printer, for the want of the necessary wood-cuts and engravings, no order having been communicated to this office by the Committee on Printing, which is authorized by law to give directions for procuring them.

The Report on Meteorological Observations, from the Commissioner of Patents, has been in process of execution for several months; but owing to the labor and time devoted to the examination of the proof-sheets by its editors, it has progressed very slowly, and its completion is not expected during the present session.

The Reports of the Military Commission to Europe are nearly completed. That of Major Mordecai is in the hands of the binder, and will be delivered in a few days; and Major Delafield's Report will be ready before the close of the session. The delay arises from the numerous illustrations, some of which are of the most elaborate character, requiring much time and care in their preparation.

The Report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey, which also has been delayed on account of its maps and charts, will also be delivered in a few days.

The very large editions of the *Agricultural and Mechanical Reports of the Patent Office* have also been completed by the printer, and, with the exception of a small number, delivered to Congress. The remainder are in the hands of the binder.

The following statements exhibit in detail the cost of the printing, binding, &c., ordered by each House of Congress during the 1st session of the 36th Congress, with the exception of the Report of Lieutenant Ives and the Meteorological Report hereinbefore mentioned:

OF THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

Statement showing the cost of the printing, binding, &c., ordered by the Senate of the United States, at the first session of the thirty-sixth Congress, so far as the same have been completed.

No. of document.	Title or subject.	No. of pages.	No. of copies.	Cost of composition, press-work, manuscript maps and plates, &c.	Cost of dry-pressing.	Cost of paper.	Cost of illustrations.	Cost of binding extra copies.	Cost of binding re-serv'd copies.	Total cost.	Cost per copy.
<i>Senate Executive Documents</i>											
2	Annual Message of the President to Congress, and accompanying documents, vol. 1.....	920	2,350	\$1,754 68	\$70 50	\$1,088 12	.....	.....	\$104 57	\$350 84	\$7,368 71
2	Annual Message of the President to Congress, and accompanying documents, vol. 2	828	2,350	1,486 04	63 25	979 65	\$123 50	104 57	359 66	3,116 67	1 32 <i>1</i>
2	Annual Message of the President to Congress, and accompanying documents, vol. 3.....	676	2,350	1,524 16	51 75	799 92	.....	104 57	350 84	2,831 24	1 20 <i>1</i>
2	Annual Message of the President to Congress, and accompanying documents, vol. 4.....	544	15,000	2,559 52	265 62	2,940 10	.....	1,092 09	.....	359 66	1,470 83
3	Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the Finances.....	376	7,050	1,547 79	86 25	1,048 43	.....	.....	718 93	350 84	3,752 24
11	Annual Report of the Commissioner of Patents on Agriculture...	604	26,550	4,672 38	522 00	5,735 49	326 00	3,262 45	350 84	14,869 16	56
12	Annual Report of the Commissioner of Patents on Arts and Manufactures, vol. 1.....	882	18,550	5,797 98	532 50	5,861 32	.....	2,218 41	350 84	14,761 05	79 <i>4</i>
12	Annual Report of the Commissioner of Patents on Arts and Manufactures, vol. 2.....	744	18,550	4,151 74	449 25	6,825 56	18,628 90	2,218 41	350 84	32,624 70	1 76
13	Report of the Postmaster General, stating the amount of postages received in each State and Territory, annually, since 1840, &c.	64	4,550	405 16	.....	114 91	.....	.....	.....	520 07	11 <i>4</i>
20	Message of the President of the United States, communicating information in relation to the heating and ventilation of the Capitol Extension, the Post Office Department, &c.....	256	1,800	407 33	.....	223 08	.....	.....	.....	630 41	35

Statement showing the cost of the printing, binding, &c.—Continued.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

No. of document.	Title or subject.	No. of pages.	No. of copies.	Cost of composition, press-work, insetting maps and plates, &c.	Cost of dry-pressing.	Cost of paper.	Cost of illustrations.	Cost of binding extra copies.	Cost of binding reserved copies.	Total cost.	Cost per copy.
28	Report of the Secretary of War on Militia in District of Columbia.	16	3,550	\$30 41	.....	\$23 93	.....	.....	.....	\$54 34	\$ 0 0 1 4
30	Message of the President of the United States, communicating the instructions to, and dispatches from, the late and present ministers to China	624	3,050	1,120 87	\$62 00	843 63	.....	\$196 10	\$350 84	2,573 44	84 4
38	Messages of the President of the United States, relative to the compulsory enlistment of American citizens in the army of Prussia, &c.	264	6,550	665 29	52 87	640 36	.....	653 48	.....	2,012 00	30 4
52	Report of the Secretary of War, communicating the Statistical Report on the Sickness and Mortality in the Army of the United States for the last five years, (quarto).	516	6,550	3,979 04	220 25	3,350 79	\$383 20	3,805 11	1,201 21	12,939 60	1 97 4
59	Report of the Secretary of War, communicating the Report of Major Richard Delafield, on the War in the Crimea, (quarto).	302	11,550	3,130 13	228 50	3,480 89	29,213 06	7,931 33	1,201 21	45,215 12	3 91 4
60	Report of the Secretary of War, communicating the Report of Major Alfred Mordecai, on the War in the Crimea, (quarto). Annual report of the Secretary of War and accompanying documents. [Part of Sen. Ex. Doc. N. 2.]	240	11,550	2,209 20	180 50	2,847 98	5,009 47	7,668 02	1,201 21	19,116 38	1 65 4
	Annual Report of the Chief of the Topographical Bureau. [Part of Sen. Ex. Doc. No. 2.]	452	250	180 04	.....	40 83	.....	.....	.....	220 87	88 4
	Annual Report of the Chief Engineer. [Part of Sen. Ex. Doc. No. 2.]	420	50	145 46	.....	10 50	3 25	.....	.....	159 21	3 18 4
	Annual Report of the Engineer in charge of the Capitol Extension, &c. [Part of Sen. Ex. Doc. No. 2.]	44	50	15 23	.....	1 13	.....	.....	.....	16 36	32 4
	Annual Report of the Engineer in charge of the Potomac Water-works. [Part of Sen. Ex. Doc. No. 2.]	20	506	12 60	.....	3 49	.....	.....	.....	16 09	3 4
	Annual Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office. [Part of Sen. Ex. Doc. No. 2.]	210	1,000	139 93	.....	75 76	233 61	.....	.....	449 30	45

OF THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Statement showing the cost of the printing, binding, &c.—Continued.

Title or subject.	No. of documents.	No. of pages.	No. of copies.	Cost of composition, maps-work, inks, et cetera.	Cost of dry-pressing.	Cost of paper.	Cost of illustrations.	Cost of binding extra copies.	Total cost.	Cost per copy.
Annual report of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.....	450	5,000	\$573 30	\$74 25	\$791 26	.....	\$652 43	.....	\$2,091 24	\$41 4
Letter from the Secretary of War, communicating the Balances of Appropriations for the War Department.....	16	500	2 08	.....	4 12	.....	.....	.....	6 20	1 4
<i>Senate Miscellaneous Documents.</i>										
No. 1 to No. 62, inclusive, and index, (in one volume).....	660	1,550	1,045 47	.....	527 92	\$28 00	.....	\$350 84	1,932 23	1 26
<i>Senate Committee Reports.</i>										
Report of the Select Committee on the Public Printing	440	3,550	818 83	50 87	620 24	.....	255 64	.....	1,745 58	49
Report of the Select Committee on the Invasion of Harper's Ferry	328	21,550	2,073 66	230 12	2,532 74	.....	2,609 97	.....	7,446 49	34 4
All other Senate committee reports, being those of which the usual number of copies only were ordered to be printed, (in two volumes).....	1,376	1,550	1,802 40	.....	992 40	.....	.....	.....	701 63	3,496 48
<i>Journal of the Senate</i>	1,060	1,550	1,551 46	.....	821 81	.....	.....	.....	389 12	2,769 39
<i>Treaties and other matter printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.....</i>	504	100	519 54	.....	26 26	.....	.....	.....	575 80	.....
<i>Bills and Joint Resolutions</i>	2,424	700	2,163 42	.....	1,479 39	.....	.....	.....	3,642 81	.....
<i>Miscellaneous Printing.—General Orders, Circulars, &c.....</i>	.....	.....	975 19	.....	124 41	.....	.....	.....	1,099 60	.....
Totals.....	.....	57,934 40	3,979 85	58,952 39	190,854 59	56,409 26	9,312 99	287,403 48	.....	.....

OF THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

Statement showing the cost of the printing, binding, &c., ordered by the House of Representatives at the first session of the thirty-sixth Congress, so far as completed.

No. of documents.	Title or subject.	House Executive Documents.	Number of pages.	Number of copies.	Cost of composition, press-work, folding, inserting, maps and plates.	Cost of paper.	Cost of illustrations.	Cost of binding extra copies.	Cost of binding regular copies.	Total cost.	Cost per copy.
4	Letter of the Secretary of State, transmitting a Statement of the Commercial Relations of the United States with Foreign Nations, (quarto)	776	6,550	\$5,695.91	\$331.00	\$5,028.66	\$6.00	\$2,055.11	\$1,783.50	\$14,900.18	\$2.27 $\frac{1}{2}$
11	Report of the Third Auditor of the Treasury upon the claims growing out of Indian hostilities in Oregon and Washington Territories in 1855-'56,.....	132	2,550	462.90	.....	148.85	.....	.....	.....	611.75	24
41	Letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating the Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey, (quarto).	388	6,550	2,801.54	165.50	2,500.34	6,316.53	2,219.84	1,309.94	15,313.69	2.33 $\frac{1}{2}$
49	Letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a Statement of the condition of the Banks throughout the United States.....	304	3,550	1,100.72	19.75	454.89	.....	251.23	.....	1,826.59	51 $\frac{1}{2}$
55	Letter of the Commissioner of Patents, transmitting a Report upon Meteorological Observations, (quarto.) A small portion only of this Report has yet been printed.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
56	Letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting the Narrative and final Report of Explorations for a route for a Pacific Railroad from St. Paul to Puget Sound, by I. L. Stevens, vol. 1, (quarto)	400	11,550	3,955.10	300.75	4,581.08	29,716.92	4,109.97	1,857.30	44,521.12	3.85 $\frac{1}{2}$
56	Letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting the Narrative and final Report of Explorations for a route for a Pacific Railroad from St. Paul to Puget Sound, by I. L. Stevens, vol. 2, (quarto)	488	11,550	4,142.47	367.00	5,674.28	13,496.97	4,109.97	1,837.33	29,628.02	2.56 $\frac{1}{2}$

Statement showing the cost of the printing, binding, &c., ordered by the House of Representatives, &c.—Continued.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

No. of document.	Title or subject.	Number of pages.	Number of copies.	Cost of composition, press-work, fold-ing, and inserting maps and plates.	Cost of dry-pressing.	Cost of paper.	Cost of illustrations.	Cost of binding extra copies.	Cost of binding re-served copies.	Total cost.	Cost per copy.
90	Letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting the Report of Lieutenant J. C. Ives upon the Exploration of the river Colorado of the West, (quarto.) The printing of this Report has not been commenced.....	6,146	1,550	\$14,387 30	\$4,905 96	\$162 29	\$5,130 81	\$24,586 36	\$15 86 $\frac{1}{4}$	74 $\frac{1}{4}$	
	All other House Executive documents, being those of which the usual number of copies only were ordered to be printed, (in ten volumes)										
	The following documents were also ordered to be printed by the House of Representatives, having been first ordered by the Senate, viz :										
	Annual Message of the President to Congress and accompanying documents, vol. 1.....	920	5,000	1,196 00	\$149 75	1,757 30	\$628 48			3,731 53	
	Annual Message of the President to Congress and accompanying documents, vol. 2.....	828	5,000	1,076 40	134 75	1,491 51	628 48			3,331 14	
	Annual Message of the President to Congress and accompanying documents, vol. 3.....	676	5,000	878 80	110 00	1,218 06	628 48			2,835 34	
	Annual Message of the President to Congress with the Reports of the Heads of Departments and Chiefs of Bureaus.....	544	25,000	2,121 60	442 50 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,900 18	3,142 65			10,606 93	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the Finances.....	376	16,000	1,485 95	195 75	2,167 47	2,011 34			5,860 51	36 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Annual Report of the Commissioner of Patents on Agriculture	604	300,000	28,267 20	5,898 50	63,428 35	11 00	37,654 96		135,260 01	45
	Annual Report of the Commissioner of Patents on Arts and Manufactures, vol. 1	882	50,000	6,879 60	1,435 50	15,303 51	6,275 05			29,893 66	59 $\frac{1}{4}$

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Patents on Arts and Manufactures, vol. 2	744	59,000	5,893 90	1,211 00	18,397 30	29,734 36	6,275 05	.....	61,420 91	1,224
<i>House Miscellaneous Documents</i> .										
Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.....	450	6,550	1,227 33	95 87	1,126 59	.....	627 43	.....	3,077 22	47
All other miscellaneous documents, being those of which the usual number of copies only were ordered to be printed, (in seven volumes).....	4,698	1,550	8,350 65	.....	3,723 86	.....	3,590 86	15,665 37	10 10½	
<i>House Committee Reports.</i>										
9 Commerce—Security of the lives of passengers on board steam vessels	20	2,050	34 11	.....	20 33	.....	.....	.....	54 44	24
Judiciary—Protest of the President against certain proceedings of the House of Representatives	40	26,550	212 02	.....	377 57	.....	.....	.....	589 59	2½
Select—Pacific railroad and telegraph line.	72	25,000	387 55	.....	634 62	258 31	.....	.....	1,270 48	5
Select—Relative to the public stores in New York	84	6,550	224 75	.....	210 38	.....	.....	.....	435 03	6½
Select—On the resolutions offered by the Hon. John Covode.	840	50,000	6,552 00	1,367 25	14,574 87	.....	6,275 05	.....	28,769 17	57½
Select—The same, with the Report of the Committee on Expenditures in the Navy Department on the alleged abuses in that department; the Report of the Select Committee on Naval Contracts and Expenditures; and the Report of the Committee on Public Expenditures in relation to the Public Printing	1,096	50,000	8,817 80	1,784 00	19,016 83	.....	6,275 05	.....	35,893 68	714
All other House committee reports, being those of which the usual number of copies only were ordered to be printed, (in five volumes)	4,234	1,550	6,015 19	.....	3,374 08	300 68	.....	2,567 93	12,257 88	7 90½
<i>Reports of the Court of Claims, (in five volumes)</i>	3,420	1,550	4,918 54	.....	2,654 47	.....	.....	2,564 90	10,137 91	6 54
<i>Journal of the House of Representatives,</i>	1,464	1,676	2,418 39	.....	1,260 80	.....	.....	577 30	4,256 49	2 54
<i>Bills and Joint Resolutions, (including 500 extra copies of 310 pages, 1,000 extra copies of 8 pages, and 3,000 extra copies of 54 pages)</i>	3,220	590	2,858 53	.....	2,128 96	.....	.....	.....	4,987 49	.....
<i>Miscellaneous printing, embracing General Orders, Calendars, Lists of Committees, Yeas and Nays, &c .....</i>	.....	.....	2,275 79	.....	496 33	.....	.....	.....	2,772 12	.....
Totals.....	.....	124,517 34	14,008 87	181,547 33	80,003 06	83,168 14	21,219 87	504,494 61	.....	.....

PRINTING FOR THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

The cost of the printing for the executive departments and for the Court of Claims, or so much thereof as has been ordered through this office, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1860, is as follows:

Statement showing the cost of the printing, &c., ordered by the Executive Departments during the year ending June 30, 1860.

Department and Bureau.	Cost of print- ing.	Cost of paper.	Total cost.
<i>State Department.</i>			
Secretary's Office-----	\$521 81	\$521 65	\$1,043 46
Consular Bureau-----	43 55	27 31	70 86
Diplomatic Bureau-----	118 85	32 48	151 33
Agent's Office-----	20 95	5 77	26 72
Passport Bureau-----	22 60	5 52	28 12
Total -----	727 76	592 73	1,320 49
<i>Treasury Department.</i>			
Secretary's Office-----	448 81	299 37	748 18
First Comptroller's Office-----	19 65	3 94	23 59
Second Comptroller's Office-----	5 25	3 84	9 09
First Auditor's Office-----	134 45	100 82	235 27
Second Auditor's Office-----	74 32	30 08	104 40
Third Auditor's Office-----	129 35	60 77	190 12
Fourth Auditor's Office-----	35 65	12 96	48 61
Fifth Auditor's Office-----	91 40	26 67	118 07
Sixth Auditor's Office-----	559 36	385 50	944 86
Register's Office-----	170 36	133 04	303 40
Treasurer's Office-----	55 20	32 28	87 48
Office of the Commissioner of Customs-----	14 19	3 97	18 16
Solicitor's Office-----	6 20	81	7 01
Coast Survey Office-----	285 14	140 44	425 58
Office of the Light-house Board-----	3,696 40	1,150 60	4,847 00
Total -----	5,725 73	2,385 09	8,110 82
<i>Interior Department.</i>			
Secretary's Office-----	193 07	89 16	282 23
Office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs-----	76 97	36 02	112 99
Office of the Commissioner of Public Buildings-----	39 30	31 80	71 10
Office of the Commissioner of Pensions-----	318 65	146 43	465 08
Office of the Commissioner of the General Land Office-----	1,920 95	832 75	2,753 70
Office of the Commissioner of Patents-----	1,157 37	653 21	1,810 58
Census Office-----	9,876 66	13,518 98	23,395 64
Total -----	13,582 97	15,308 35	28,891 32

STATEMENT—Continued.

Department and Bureau.	Cost of print- ing.	Cost of paper.	Total cost.
<i>War Department.</i>			
Secretary's Office	\$185 96	\$99 76	\$285 72
Adjutant General's Office.....	1,273 74	590 13	1,863 87
Quaitemaster General's Office.....	1,758 70	845 95	2,604 65
Surgeon General's Office.....	416 10	129 14	545 24
Ordnance Office	48 38	29 36	77 74
Engineer's Office	45 52	20 70	62 22
Topographical Bureau.....	69 12	31 24	103 36
Paymaster General's Office.....	16 58	7 04	23 62
Total	3,814 10	1,756 32	5,570 42
<i>Navy Department.</i>			
Secretary's Office	1,012 36	536 37	1,548 73
Bureau of Yards and Docks	26 54	14 51	41 05
Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.....	38 91	12 40	51 31
Bureau of Construction, &c.....	3 09	1 08	4 17
Bureau of Ordnance, &c.....	809 20	245 22	1,054 42
Bureau of Provisions and Clothing.....	856 20	859 81	1,716 01
Total	2,746 30	1,669 39	4,416 69
<i>Post Office Department.</i>			
For the department proper	4,374 28	2,042 78	6,417 06
Office of the Attorney General.....	1,370 39	46 57	1,416 96
Office Superintendent Public Printing	36 60	5 43	42 03
Office of the Court of Claims	2,174 05	106 47	2,280 52
Report of the Secretary of the Treasury on Com- merce and Navigation—(binding, \$1,700 50).	6,136 73	5,126 10	12,963 33
The Biennial Register —(binding, \$250 00)-	3,093 00	197 65	3,540 65

BLANKS FOR THE POST OFFICES OF THE UNITED STATES.

In accordance with the fifth section of the act of Congress approved February 15, 1860, the printing of the blanks for the post offices of the United States was given out by contract. I am gratified in being enabled to state that, by the adoption of this system, a great saving has been effected, while, so far as this office is informed, the government has been as efficiently served as heretofore. The following statements show that, while the average monthly cost of printing

these blanks for the nine months preceding the operation of the act of 1860 was \$3,509, the average monthly cost for the succeeding six months was but \$844 97, a reduction of \$2,664, or a saving of nearly \$32,000 per annum, and thus emphatically refuting the prediction that the new system would cost more than the old one.

Statement showing the cost of the blanks for the post offices of the United States from July 1, 1859, to March 31, 1860, at the prices established by the printing act of 1852.

Months.	Cost of printing.	Cost of paper.	Total cost.
1859....July.....	\$3,882 74	\$4,761 37	\$8,644 11
August.....	2,979 29	3,875 39	6,854 68
September.....	2,799 19	3,592 24	6,391 43
October.....	3,504 30	3,932 55	7,436 85
November.....	3,190 41	3,978 17	7,168 58
December.....	4,459 69	5,657 70	10,117 39
1860....January.....	4,787 47	6,591 31	11,378 78
February.....	3,377 22	4,649 72	8,026 94
March.....	2,600 69	3,580 58	6,181 27
Total.....	31,581 00	40,619 03	72,200 03

Statement showing the cost of the blanks for the post offices of the United States, from April 1 to September 30, 1860, under the contract authorized by the act of February 15, 1860.

Months	Cost of printing.	Cost of paper.	Total cost.
1860....April.....	\$952 30	\$4,057 85	\$5,010 15
May.....	768 88	3,409 22	4,178 10
June.....	889 69	4,304 73	5,194 42
July.....	890 88	5,699 25	6,590 13
August.....	816 71	3,196 88	4,013 59
September.....	751 37	3,821 11	4,572 48
Total.....	5,069 83	24,489 04	29,558 87
Monthly average under the printing act of 1852.....	3,509 00	4,513 22	8,022 22
Monthly average under the contract of 1860.	844 97	4,081 51	4,926 48

PAPER FOR THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

The following statements exhibit the quantity of paper purchased for the public printing, including that for the post office blanks, during the year ending December 1, 1860:

Statement showing the quantity and cost of the paper purchased for the public printing during the year ending December 1, 1860.

Quantity and kind of paper.	Cost.	Total.
PRINTING PAPER.		
28,740 reams 24 by 38 inches, 45 lbs., at \$5 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ per ream	\$148,729 50	
6,000 do 50 lbs., at 7 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ do	44,250 00	
8,000 do 56 lbs., at 7 39 $\frac{2}{5}$ do	59,136 00	
300 do 48 lbs., at 7 08 do	2,124 00	
30 do 66 lbs., at 10 06 $\frac{1}{2}$ do	301 95	
		\$254,541 45
WRITING PAPER.		
1,800 reams quarto post 8 lbs., at \$1 76 per ream	3,168 00	
200 do 9 lbs., at 1 98 do	396 00	
500 reams flat cap 12 lbs., at 2 22 do	1,110 00	
200 do 14 lbs., at 2 59 do	518 00	
200 do 16 lbs., at 2 96 do	592 00	
300 reams folio post 16 lbs., at 2 96 do	888 00	
300 do 20 lbs., at 3 70 do	1,110 00	
100 reams medium 26 lbs., at 4 81 do	481 00	
30 do 30 lbs., at 5 55 do	166 50	
150 do 36 lbs., at 6 66 do	999 00	
50 reams royal 44 lbs., at 8 14 do	407 00	
35 reams super-royal 56 lbs., at 10 36 do	362 60	
30 reams imperial 66 lbs., at 12 21 do	366 30	
40 reams demy 26 lbs., at 4 81 do	192 40	
6 reams colored medium, 30 lbs., at 5 10 do	30 60	
7 reams double cap 25 lbs., at 4 00 do	28 00	
2,600 do 30 lbs., at 5 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ do	13,845 00	
119 reams semi-parchment, 8 lbs., at 2 40 do	285 60	
20 do 11 lbs., at 3 30 do	66 00	
22 do 17 lbs., at 5 10 do	112 20	
19 do 20 lbs., at 6 00 do	114 00	
20 do 22 lbs., at 6 60 do	132 00	
22 do 23 lbs., at 6 90 do	151 80	
45 do 32 lbs., at 9 60 do	432 00	
50 do 30 lbs., at 7 50 do	375 00	
		26,329 00
PAPER FOR POST OFFICE BLANKS.		
400 reams 12 by 18 inches, 12 lbs., at \$1 54 $\frac{8}{10}$ per ream	619 20	
200 reams 12 by 18 inches, 12 lbs., at 1 80 do	360 00	
400 reams 18 by 18 inches, 22 lbs., at 2 83 $\frac{8}{10}$ do	1,135 20	
200 reams 18 by 18 inches, 22 lbs., at 3 30 do	660 00	
1,800 reams 18 by 22 inches, 24 lbs., at 3 09 $\frac{6}{10}$ do	5,572 80	
100 reams 18 by 22 inches, 24 lbs., at 3 60 do	360 00	
6,400 reams 18 by 25 inches, 26 lbs., at 3 35 $\frac{4}{10}$ do	21,465 00	
800 reams 18 by 25 inches, 26 lbs., at 3 90 do	3,120 00	
9,126 reams 16 by 26 inches, 23 lbs., at 2 96 $\frac{7}{10}$ do	27,076 84	
2,400 reams 16 by 26 inches, 23 lbs., at 3 45 do	8,280 00	
		68,649 64
PLATE PAPER.		
37 $\frac{4}{20}$ reams 19 by 24 inches, 50 lbs., at \$9 50 per ream	353 40	
49 $\frac{3}{20}$ reams 21 by 24 inches, 52 lbs., at 9 88 do	490 05	
938 $\frac{16}{20}$ reams 19 by 24 inches, 60 lbs., at 11 40 do	10,702 32	
103 $\frac{7}{20}$ reams 24 by 32 inches, 84 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs., at 16 00 do	1,685 60	
		13,231 37
MAP PAPER.		
79,951 pounds of various sizes, at 17 $\frac{5}{10}$ cents per pound	14,039 39	
		376,790 85

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

ENGRAVING, LITHOGRAPHING, ELECTROTYPEING, &c.

Statement showing the cost of engraving, lithographing, electrotyping, &c., for documents ordered to be printed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States. First session 36th Congress.

	Contractors.	Description of work.	Senate.	H. of Reps.	Aggregate.
Maps.—Message and Documents.....	J. Bien.....	Engraving and lithographing.....	\$883 63	.....	\$883 63
Maps.—Message and Documents.....	S. Siebert.....	Lithographing	15 50	.....	15 50
Diagrams.—Message and Documents.....	Van Ingen & Snyder.....	Engraving on wood	108 00	.....	108 00
Maps.—Coast Survey Report, 1839.....	J. Bien.....	Lithographing	3,424 26	#\$3,617 56	7,041 82
Woodcut.—Coast Survey Report, 1839	Van Ingen & Snyder.....	Engraving .....	.....	6 00	6 00
Report of the Commissioner of Patents.—On Agriculture, 1859	Van Ingen & Snyder.....	Engraving and electrotyping	326 00	11 00	337 00
Report of the Commissioner of Patents.—Mechanical, 1859	E. R. Jewett.....	Engraving and electrotyping	18,638 90	29,834 36	48,463 26
Gov. Stevens's Reports.—Pacific Railroad Explorations and Surveys.....	Sarony, Major & Knapp	Engraving and lithographing	22,620 40	24,647 70	47,268 10
Maps.—Wagon Road Report, by Edward F. Beale	J. Bien.....	Engraving and lithographing .....	.....	150 00	150 00
Maps.—Wagon Road Report, by Capt. Wallen.....	J. Bien.....	Engraving and lithographing	75 00	.....	75 00
Senate Ms. Doc. No. 48.—Memorial of Duff Green—S. & R. G. R. Co	Van Ingen & Snyder.....	Engraving on wood	28 00	.....	28 00
House Rep. No. 428.—On Pacific Railroad Routes.....	Sarony, Major & Knapp	Engraving and lithographing .....	.....	190 00	190 00
House Rep. No. 568.—On Coal Contract, Chiriqui Improvement Company	J. Bien.....	Engraving and lithographing .....	.....	248 00	248 00
Reports on the Art of War in Europe.—Col. Delafield and Major Mordecai	E. R. Jewett.....	Lithographing and engraving	23,920 00	.....	23,980 00
Reports on the Art of War in Europe.—Col. Delafield and Major Mordecai	George Weyll	Engraving on wood	776 50	.....	776 50
Report on Sickness and Mortality Statistics of United States Army	J. Bien	Lithographing and coloring	343 87	.....	343 87
Report.—Colorado Expedition.—by Lieut. Ives.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			71,201 06	58,704 62	129,914 68
For alterations and additions to maps and profiles belonging to the Reports of Pacific Railroad Explorations and Surveys, vol. II, (33d Congress).....	Selmar Siebert	Engraving	586 50	586 50	1,173 00
For alterations and additions to map, showing lines of march passed over by United States troops in the year ending June 30, 1858, (35th Congress).....	Selmar Siebert	Engraving	30 00	30 00	30 00

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.

By the joint resolution in relation to the public printing, approved June 23, 1860, the Superintendent of the Public Printing was authorized and directed to contract for the erection or purchase of the necessary buildings, machinery, and materials for the execution of the printing and binding authorized by the Senate and House of Representatives, the executive and judicial departments, and the Court of Claims. In compliance with the directions of this joint resolution, and by virtue of the authority conferred on me therein, I have made a contract with Mr. Joseph T. Crowell for the purchase of the printing establishment formerly owned and occupied by Mr. Cornelius Wendell. In further conformity with the joint resolution, I have submitted the contract to the Joint Committee on Public Printing, and it was approved by them unanimously. My letter to the Joint Committee, with the contract and accompanying papers, are appended to this report.

The public printing establishment is situated at the northeast corner of square 624, at the corner of H street north and North Capitol street. The lot is 264 feet 9 inches on H street, by 175 feet 3 inches on North Capitol street, containing 46,397 feet, and affording ample space for any additions or improvements that may be deemed desirable. The buildings consist of a printing office and bindery, four stories high, with a breadth of $61\frac{1}{2}$ feet and a depth of 243 feet; a paper warehouse, 59 feet 7 inches by 79 feet 2 inches; a machine shop, 22 feet 2 inches by 25 feet, for repairing and renewing the presses and machinery; a boiler house, 20 feet 7 inches by 26 feet; a coal house, 23 by 27 feet; a wagon shed, 25 feet 4 inches by 24 feet; and stables, 23 feet by 41 feet 2 inches. These buildings are all of brick, built of the best materials and in the most durable manner, and were erected under the supervision of Edward Clark, esq., now the architect of the Interior Department, expressly for the purpose of executing the public printing and binding. His statement as to the character of the materials and workmanship will be found in the accompanying papers. They are completely isolated from any contiguous buildings, being bounded on the north and east by public streets, on the south by a thirty-feet alley, and on the west by a vacant lot of 21 feet 9 inches, included in the purchase. The buildings are in a perfectly sound condition, and the machinery and materials are ample and efficient for the prompt and satisfactory execution of the printing and binding for all the departments of the government, for which purposes they are available at any moment.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
JOHN HEART, *Superintendent.*

WASHINGTON, January 3, 1861.

SIR : Yours of the 31st ultimo is just received, and, in reply, I would state that the printing office in square 624 was constructed under my supervision.

It is built of good materials and in a substantial manner.

I know of no building of like character so well adapted to the purposes intended.

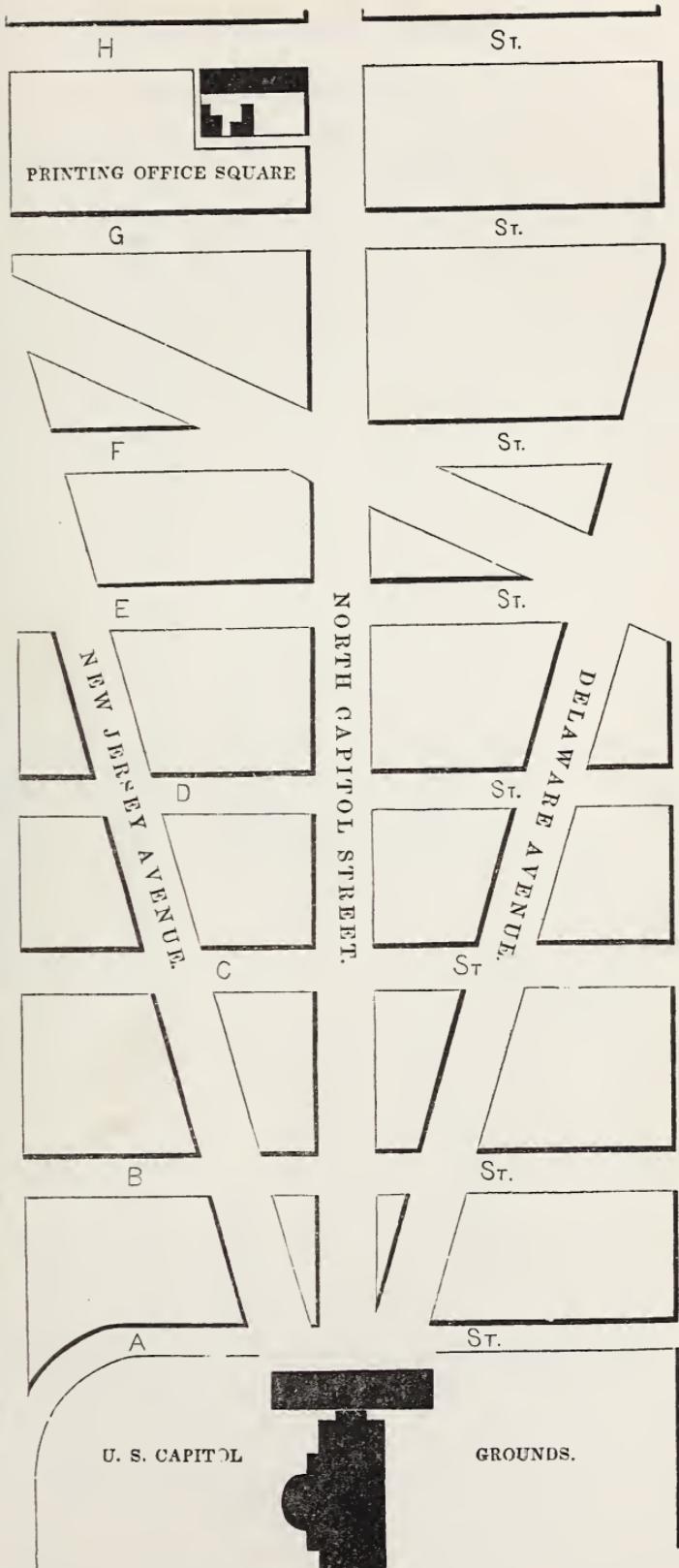
Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWARD CLARK, *Architect.*

JOHN HEART, Esq.,

Superintendent of Public Printing.

LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC PRINTING OFFICE.



REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

NORTH CAPITOL STREET.

PRINTING OFFICE.

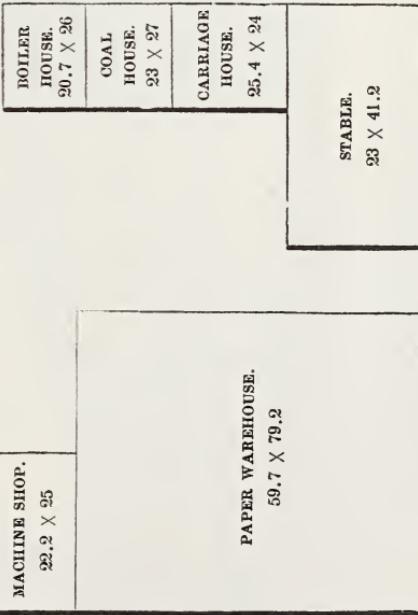
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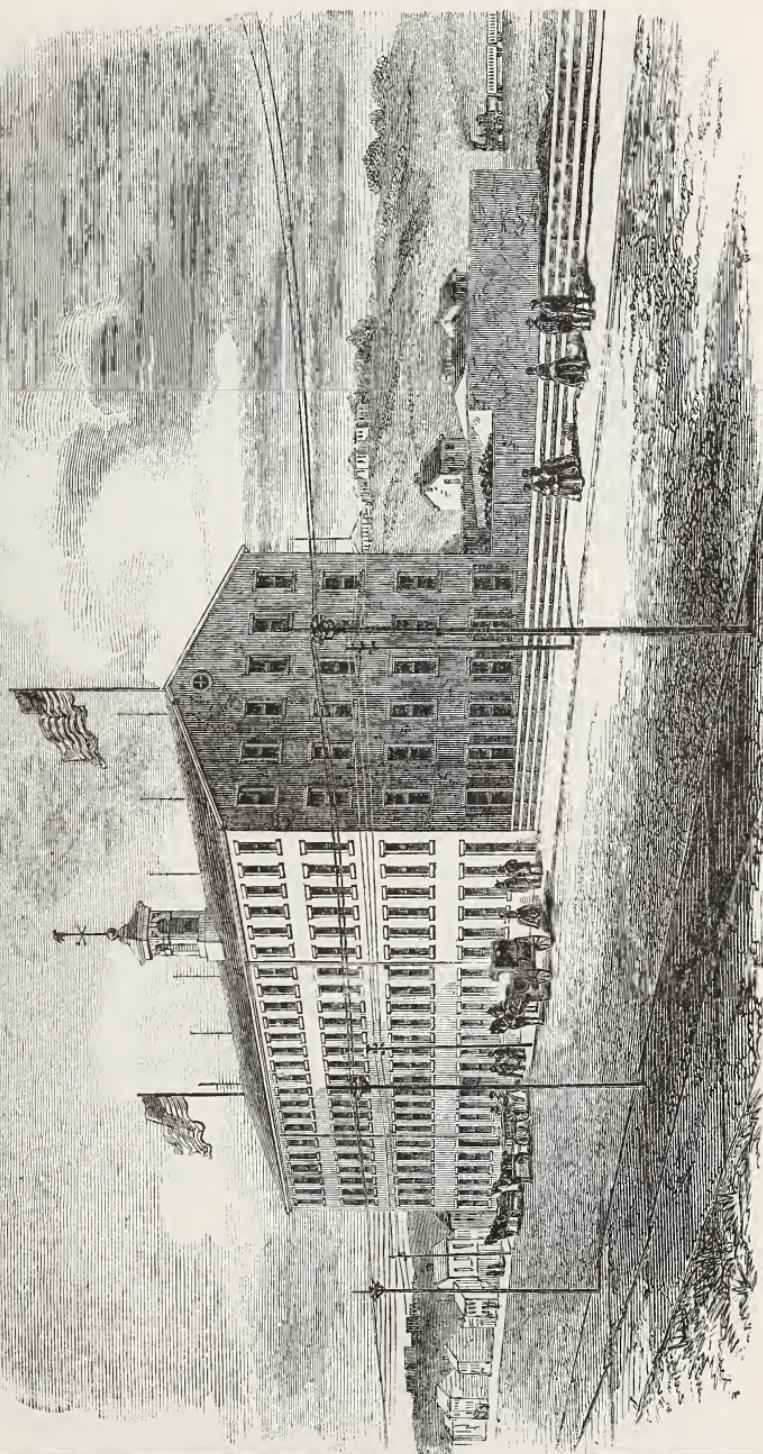


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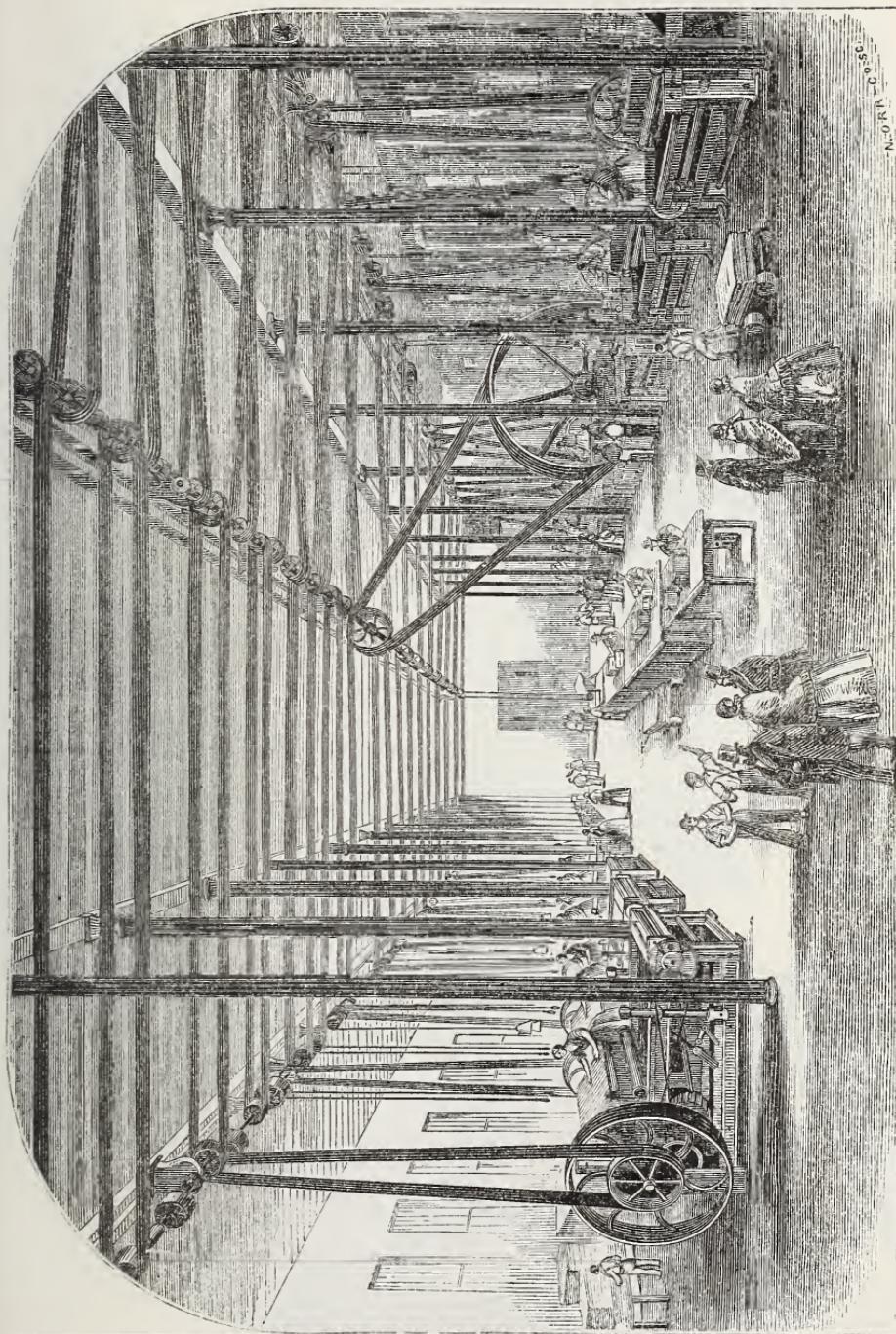
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GROUND PLAN OF THE PUBLIC PRINTING OFFICE.

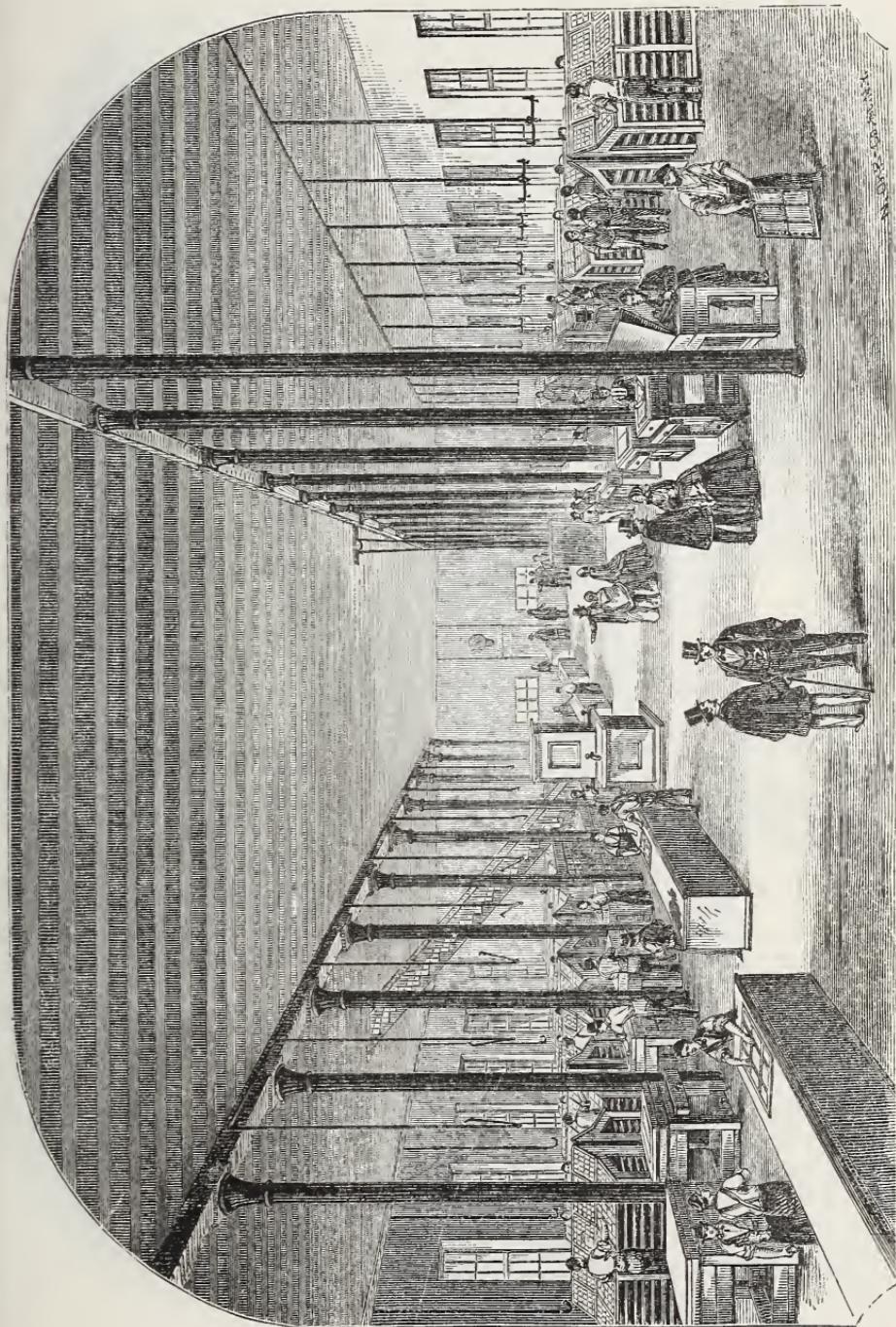


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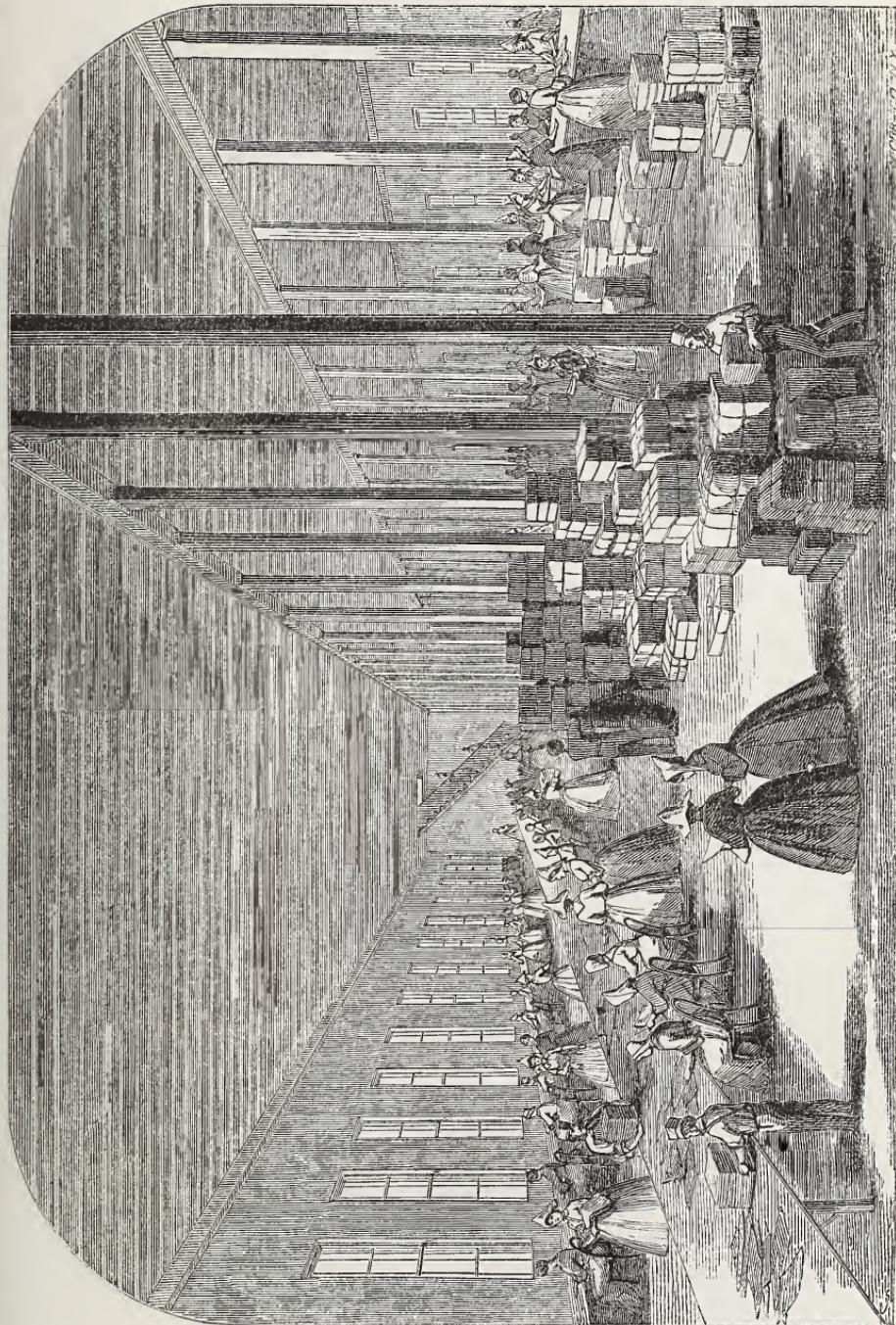


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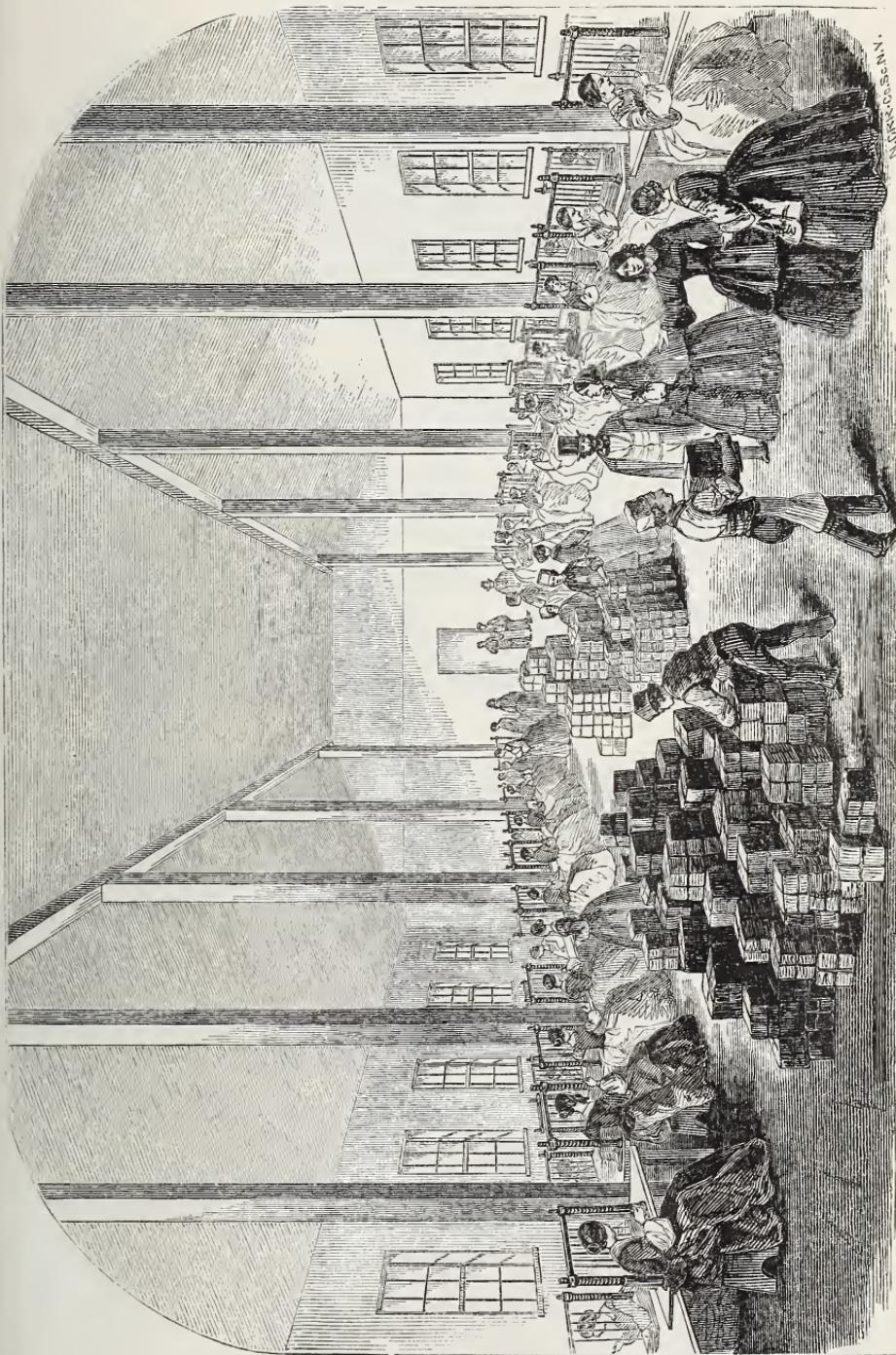
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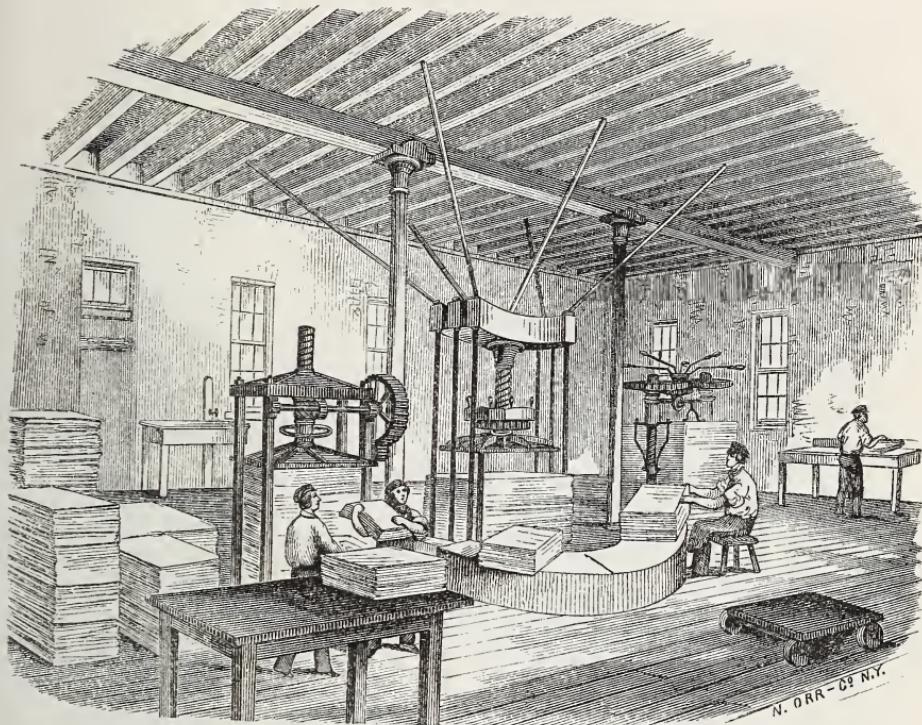
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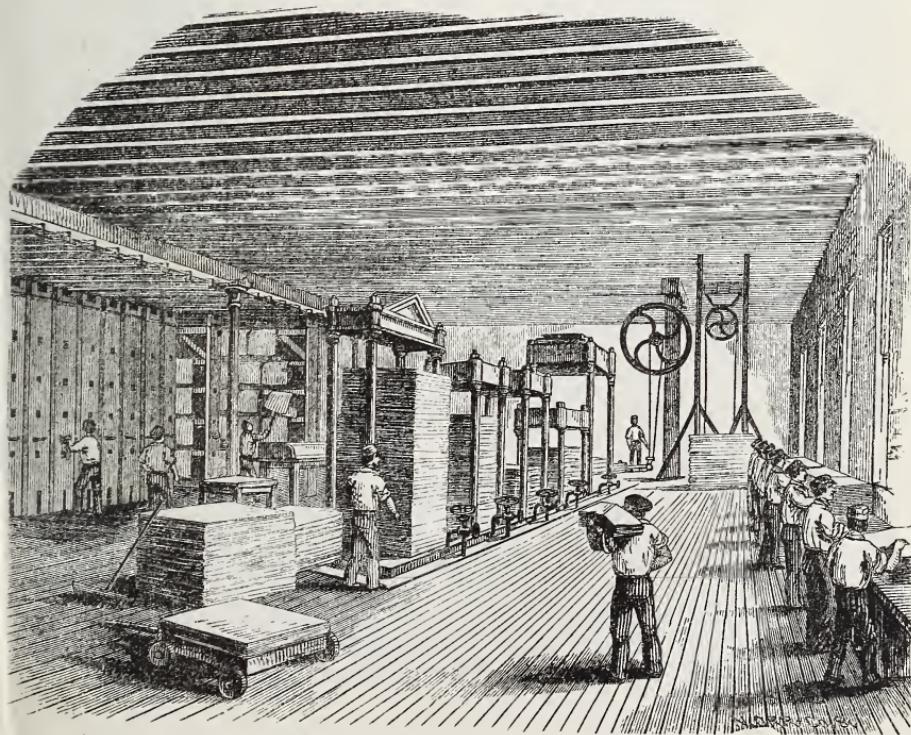
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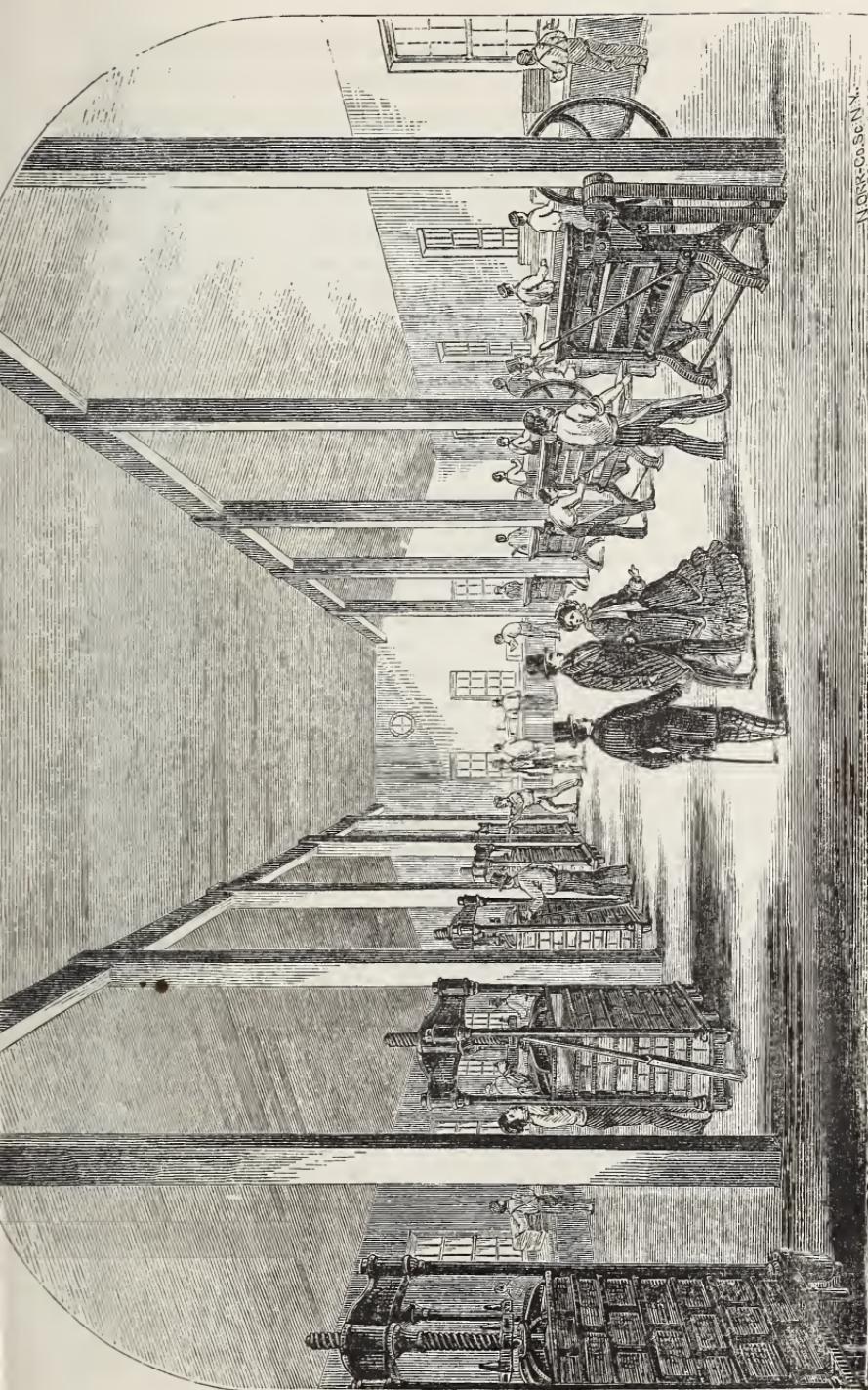
STITCHING ROOM.



WETTING ROOM



DRY-PRESSING ROOM.



OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC PRINTING,
Washington, December 6, 1860.

SIR : In accordance with the provisions of the joint resolution in relation to the public printing, approved June 23, 1860, and by virtue of the authority therein conferred, I have contracted with Mr. Joseph T. Crowell for the purchase of the premises at the corner of H street north and North Capitol street, in square numbered six hundred and twenty-four (624) in the city of Washington, with the buildings, machinery, and materials, as is more fully described in the accompanying contract and schedule annexed; and respectfully submit the same for the approval of the joint committee of the two Houses of Congress.

The joint resolution authorized and directed "the erection or purchase of the necessary buildings, machinery, and materials for the execution of the public printing, provided the sum contracted to be paid therefor shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars." Upon a full consideration of the subject, I was impressed with the conviction that the purchase of a lot of ground and the erection and equipment of the necessary buildings would involve an expenditure exceeding the sum named in the law, while the requisite approval of the contract by your committee would necessarily defer the commencement of operations under it to so late a period as to make it impracticable to complete the printing office and have it ready for operation before the 4th of March next, when it will be required for the public service. The alternative was thus forced upon me of making a selection from the existing printing establishments; and after a full investigation, aided by the practical knowledge of skilful and experienced architects and mechanics, I was convinced that the public interests would be best promoted by the purchase of the premises above referred to. The buildings were erected expressly for the execution of the public printing and binding, to which they have been devoted for a number of years. They are in fine condition, and are admirably adapted to these purposes. The machinery and materials are in good order, and the additions necessary for the prompt and satisfactory execution of the printing and binding of all the departments of the government can be made for a sum that will bring the entire expenditure considerably within the limit provided by the law.

Accompanying the contract will be found the proposition of Mr. J. T. Crowell for the sale of the premises, a plat of the same, a detailed estimate of their value by Mr. John C. Harkness, architect and builder, and a statement of the cost and an estimate of the present value of the machinery and materials by myself.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. HEART,
Superintendent.

Hon. G. N. FITCH,

Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 21, 1860.

DEAR SIR: Being the owner of the well-known printing establishment at present occupied by Messrs. Larcombe & English, I hereby offer to contract with you (as Superintendent of the Public Printing, under the authority vested by the law recently enacted, authorizing the establishment of a Government Printing office) for the sale of the ground, buildings, machinery, and materials, at their actual value. And you being practically versed in all matters pertaining to the cost and equipment of such an establishment, I will bind myself to sell at the price you may, in your judgment, assess the true valuation. Or I will abide by the award of competent and disinterested appraisers.

Yours, respectfully,

JOSEPH T. CROWELL.

JOHN HEART, Esq., *Superintendent of Public Printing.*

AGREEMENT.

This agreement, entered into at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on this first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty, between John Heart, Superintendent of the Public Printing, of the United States of America, for, and in behalf of the said United States, of the one part, and Joseph T. Crowell, of the city of Rahway, in the State of New Jersey, of the other part, witnesseth:

That the said John Heart, Superintendent of the Public Printing, as aforesaid, by virtue of the authority on him conferred by the provisions of a joint resolution, approved by the Congress of the United States, entitled a "Joint resolution in relation to the public printing," which said resolution was approved by the President of the United States on the twenty-third day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty, has agreed, and doth hereby, for and on behalf of the United States, covenant with the said Joseph T. Crowell, to purchase of him, the said Joseph T. Crowell, for the use and benefit of the United States of America, the full and complete title, in fee simple, in and to the parcels of ground, situated on the northeast corner of H street north, and North Capitol street, in square numbered six hundred and twenty-four, and running westwardly two hundred and sixty-four feet on H street north; thence southwardly one hundred and seventy-five feet, to a thirty feet alley; thence eastwardly along said alley two hundred and sixty-four feet to North Capitol street, thence northwardly along said North Capitol street one hundred and seventy-five feet to the place of beginning, with all the improvements thereon, comprising the buildings known as the Government Printing office and warerooms, with all the machinery and materials therein, as are particularly described and set forth or referred to in the accompanying schedule, which is hereby made and declared to be a part of this agreement. And the said John Heart, by virtue of the authority on him conferred by the pro-

visions of the joint resolution aforesaid, hereby binds the United States aforesaid to pay or cause to be paid to the said Joseph T. Crowell, his heirs, or assigns, for and in consideration of the ground, improvements, machinery, and materials aforesaid, the sum of *one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars*, so soon as the money shall be appropriated by Congress for the purpose, stipulating, nevertheless, on his part, and in behalf of the said United States, that this agreement shall be binding only when the same shall have received the approval of the Joint Committee on Printing of Congress, agreeably to the provisions of the joint resolution aforesaid.

And the said Joseph T. Crowell, on his part, hereby agrees and binds himself, his heirs, and assigns, upon the fulfilment of the terms of this agreement, according to its true intent and meaning, by the said United States, and simultaneously therewith, to execute to the said United States a complete and perfect title in fee, and free of all incumbrances, to the whole of the property, of all kinds, enumerated in the schedule herein before referred to, and to place the said United States, by their proper officers and agents, in full and immediate possession of all the premises, real and personal, herein before mentioned as agreed to be sold and conveyed.

In testimony whereof, the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty.

JOHN HEART, [SEAL.]
Superintendent of Public Printing.
 JOSEPH T. CROWELL. [SEAL.]

In presence of—

WILLIAM TOWERS,
 DANIEL BUCK.

Schedule of materials, machinery, and fixtures.

DRYING ROOM.

- 1 hoisting machine.
- 5 hydraulic presses.
- 1 pumping machine.
- 1 large drying apparatus.
- 100 wooden pressing boards.
- 125 gross pasteboards.
- Fixtures complete.
- 1 timepiece.

PRESS ROOM.

- 23 Adams's presses.
- 3 cylinder presses.
- 2 large racks for forms.

- 25 pine tables.
 2 trucks for hauling paper.
 1 rack for stereotype plates.
 14 roller cases.
 10 sets mallets and planers.
 5 wrenches.
 1 hoisting machine.
 1 hoisting machine, for forms.
 2 large wardrobes, complete.
 1 small wardrobe, complete.
 1 40-horse engine.
 Shafting, running-gear, &c., complete for 26 presses.
 Gas fixtures, water pipes, &c.

WETTING ROOM.

- 3 standing presses.
 1 hydraulic press.
 50 large press-boards.
 54 small press-boards.
 2 pine tables.
 1 paper wetting machine.
 2 wetting tubs.
 Water pipes, gas fixtures, &c.

COMPOSING ROOM.

- 93 double stands.
 349 pairs cases.
 19 imposing stones.
 108 double royal chases.
 35,000 pounds small pica.
 3,000 pounds English.
 800 pounds pica small caps, (for heads.)
 3,500 pounds brevier.
 6,500 do.
 2,500 pounds nonpareil.
 110 galley, quarto, wood.
 90 galley, octavo, wood.
 84 do. do.
 36 galley, brass, wide.
 15 galley, brass, narrow.
 70 sets furniture, octavo, metal.
 50 sets furniture, quarto, metal.
 12 sets furniture, bills, metal.
 7 sets furniture, orders, &c., metal.
 4 standing galley.
 2 make-up stands, with nests of drawers.
 16 pine tables.
 22 boards.

- 5 bureaus, with shelving, doors, &c.
 3 ink tables, with rollers.
 2 large racks for forms.
 3 rule cutters.
 10 pair shears.
 1 desk.
 1 water cooler.
 2 buckets.
 5 dozen spittoons.
 1,000 pounds of leads and slugs.
 30 mallets.
 30 planers.
 2 clocks.
 24 dusting brushes.
 2 sets of moulds, for furniture, leads, slugs, &c.
 1 fount 2-line long primer.
 1 fount 2-line brevier.
 1 fount 2-line nonpareil.
 1 fount Clarendon.
 160 composing sticks.
 1 table for rule cutters.
 1 large cupboard for cases.
 3 small cupboards for cases.
 Gas and water fixtures, &c.
 12 wash basins, with water pipes, &c., complete.
 16 sets of wooden blocks—256.
 1 set of iron blocks—16.

JOB ROOM.

- 9 medium chases.
 31 cap chases.
 4 half cap chases.
 3 imposing stones.
 1 imposing stone, (small.)
 1 ink table and roller.
 2 racks and cases of job type.
 4 planers.
 4 mallets.
 1 fount double small pica script.
 1 fount double small pica script.
 1 fount English, roman and italic.
 2 founts great primer script.
 1 fount English script, secretary.
 1 fount English script, plain.
 1 fount pica script, plain.
 2 founts great primer, roman.
 2 founts great primer, italic.
 1 fount English condensed, upper and lower.
 4 founts border, pica.

- 1 fount pica meridian shade.
- 1 fount 2-line English, condensed.
- 1 fount 2-line English, extra condensed.
- 2 founts 2-line minion.
- 1 fount 2-line great primer.
- 1 fount 2-line full face.
- 1 fount 2-line great primer bold face, condensed.
- 2 founts English scribe text.
- 2 founts double English scribe text.
- 1 fount nonpareil bold face.
- 1 fount long primer meridian shade.
- 4 founts 2-line pearl, light face.
- 1 fount 2-line long primer gothic.
- 1 fount nonpareil gothic.
- 1 fount brevier antique.
- 1 fount double scribe text.
- 1 fount great primer scribe text.
- 1 fount 2-line brevier gothic.
- 3 founts 2-line nonpareil.
- 1 fount pica gothic.
- 1 fount great primer, black shaded.
- 4 founts 2-line imperial, ornamental.
- 2 founts 2-line brevier, ornamental.
- 2 founts 2-line brevier, shaded.
- 1 fount brevier bold face.
- 1 fount small pica black.
- 1 fount English black.
- 1 fount pica gothic, shaded.
- 1 fount 2-line pearl, gothic.
- 1 fount brevier, black.
- 1 fount brevier, gothic.
- 1 fount long primer bold face, roman.
- 1 fount long primer bold face, italic.
- 1 fount long primer bold face, antique.
- 1 fount long primer bold face, large, antique.
- 1 fount long primer bold face, ornamental.
- 1 fount brevier, gothic, shaded.
- 1 fount brevier outline.
- 1 fount meridian shade.
- 1 fount long primer black.
- 1 fount double pica, black, shaded.
- 1 fount pica black.
- 1 fount double pica black.
- 1 fount great primer black, heavy.
- 1 fount 2-line diamond, condensed.
- 1 fount double long primer.
- 1 fount 2-line long primer.
- 1 fount small pica bold face.
- 1 fount brevier bold face, italic.
- 1 fount double great primer script.

- 1 fount double paragon.
- 1 fount nonpareil gothic outline.
- 12 swell dashes, brass.
- 3 sets of braces.
- 75 metal cuts.
- 1 standing press, with fixtures.
- 1 rack, with sliding boards, &c.
- 4 pine tables.
- 36 chases, of different sizes.
 - 1 large pine desk, with pigeon-holes, &c.
 - 1 small pine desk, with pigeon-holes, &c.
 - 1 long pine table, with 48 drawers, &c.
 - 1 long pine table, with slides.
 - 1 long pine table, with drawers, &c.
 - 1 water cooler.
 - 1 clock.
 - 1 standing galley.
- 19 spittoons.
- 1,000 pounds leads, slugs, &c.
 - 1 rule-cutter.
 - 7 large slice galleys.
 - 6 quarto slice galleys.
 - 6 brass galleys.
 - 11 octavo galleys.
 - 18 double stands.
- 224 cases, upper and lower.
- 25 composing sticks.
- Lot of mixed quotations.
- 1 set circular quadrats.

FOLDING ROOM.

- Chairs, tables, counters, shelving, &c., for 200 girls.
- 3 trucks for hauling paper.
- 1 water cooler.

READING ROOMS.

- 8 arm chairs.
- 2 pine desks, with pigeon-holes.
- 1 mahogany desk.
- Shelving.
- 1 large painted closet, with shelving, doors, &c.
- 1 copying machine.
- 1 large fire-proof safe.

OFFICE.

- 1 walnut bookcase.
- 1 walnut chiffonier, marble top.

1 walnut washstand, marble top.
1 mahogany sofa.
1 velvet carpet.
2 damask stuffed arm-chairs.
6 arm-chairs.
1 walnut desk.
1 mahogany desk.

BINDERY.

2 ruling machines.
2 cutting machines.
4 standing presses.
80 press boards.
2 ink brushes and bowls.
1 grindstone.
1 brass kettle.
1 ink jar.
4 sewing benches.
10 pair compasses.
10 pair shears.
1 pair large gauge shears.
10 laying presses.
19 rolls.
2 polishers.
2 lettering pallets.
3 gold cushions.
3 spatchels.
2 saws.
10 hammers.
Large glue pot.
4 bodkins; 10 press pins.
1 wash basin.
1 paste tub.
4 small paste tubs.
8 paste brushes.
3 blacking brushes.
2 sprinkling brushes.
1 sprinkling sieve.
6 oil stones.
1 clock.
2 small type cases and type.
5 pine tables.
2 finishing tables.
1 large leather closet, with doors, shelves, &c.
1 water cooler.
10 chairs.
2 finishing stands.
2 patent blocks.
35 hand stamps.

- 1 hand rack.
10 working tubs.

MACHINE SHOP.

- 1 one-horse engine.
1 carpenters' bench.
Half set carpenters' tools.
1 10-inch circular saw and bench.
1 large grindstone.
1 small lathe and patterns.
Half set of tools for hand lathe.
Pulleys and belting.
1 turning lathe and tools.
1 planing machine.
1 bench, with 3 vises.
2 drawers, with files, tools, &c.
1 anvil and forge.
1 blow-pipe and fittings.
1 ladder.
Lot of castings.

BOILER HOUSE.

- 1 60-horse boiler, complete.
1 steam pump, complete.
1 set of fire tools.
525 feet fire hose.
5 buckets.
2 furnaces.
2 iron kettles.
2 copper kettles.
19 roller moulds.

STABLE.

- 1 black horse.
1 bob-tail bay horse.
1 wagon.
1 carryall.
2 set single harness.
2 wheelbarrows.
1 large harness closet, with doors, &c.
1 large closet, with doors.

PATENT OFFICE BINDERY.

- 1 standing press.
2 laying presses.
1 small hand finishing press.
2 lettering pallets.
1 small case and type.
1 pair shears.

1 sewing bench.
32 press boards.
1 glue kettle and brush.
1 paste tub and brush.
1 small furnace.
14 rolls.
2 hammers.
2 pair compasses.
1 polisher.
1 pair shears.
4 tubs.
1 grindstone.
1 sprinkling sieve and brush.
1 oil-stone.
1 bucket.

STATE DEPARTMENT BINDERY.

4 fillets.
1 roll and polisher.
4 cases and type.
1 lettering pallet.
1 gold cushion and knife.
1 plough press and key.
1 small saw.
1 sprinkling brush, bowl, and sieve.
1 small furnace and glue kettle.
1 pan and paste brush.
1 sewing bench.
1 hammer.
1 pair shears.

PENSION OFFICE BINDERY.

1 standing press.
7 rolls.
1 polisher.
24 press boards.
12 press boards, (large.)
1 table shears.
1 plough press and pin.
2 working tubs.
2 sewing benches.
1 small furnace.
1 glue pot and brush.
1 small case and seven fonts type.
1 gold cushion and knife.
1 lettering pallet.
1 small saw.
2 hammers.

- 2 bodkins.
 - 2 pair compasses.
 - 2 pair shears.
 - 1 paring stone.
 - 1 pan and brush.
 - 1 sprinkling sieve, brush, and pan.
 - 1 pair backing irons.
 - 1 grindstone.
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Extract from the journal of the Joint Committee on Printing of the two Houses of Congress.

"WEDNESDAY, December 12, 1860.

"Resolved, unanimously, by the Joint Committee on Printing of the two houses of Congress, That the foregoing contract, and schedule annexed, entered into by John Heart, Superintendent of the Public Printing, and Joseph T. Crowell, of the city of Rahway, in the State of New Jersey, on the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty, in accordance with the provisions of the joint resolution in relation to the public printing, approved June 23, 1860, viz: 'That the Superintendent of the Public Printing be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to have executed the printing and binding authorized by the Senate and House of Representatives, the executive and judicial departments, and the Court of Claims. And to enable him to carry out the provisions of this act, he is authorized and directed to contract for the erection or purchase of the necessary buildings, machinery, and materials for that purpose; said contract to be subject to the approval of the Joint Committee on Printing of the two Houses of Congress: Provided, That the sum so contracted to be paid shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars,' for the purchase of the premises at the corner of H street north and North Capitol street, in square numbered six hundred and twenty-four, in the city of Washington, with the buildings, machinery, and materials, for a sum of money less than that stipulated in the said joint resolution, be, and the same is hereby, accepted and approved."

JANUARY 10, 1861.

I hereby certify the foregoing resolution of the Joint Committee on Printing of the two Houses of Congress to be a true copy of the journal of this committee.

J. K. ROGERS,
Clerk to the Committee.

Estimate of the value of the Public Printing Office.

WASHINGTON CITY, August 20, 1860.

DEAR SIR: I submit, at your request, the following estimate, at cost prices, of the Printing Office at the corner of North Capitol and H streets, viz:

Brick work	\$13,520 95
Carpenters' work	6,311 45
Lumber for ditto	5,500 00
232 windows, including painting, glazing, hardware, carpenters' work, and lumber, at \$18	4,176 00
25,148 feet tin roofing, and painting ditto, at 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents.	2,703 41
850 feet eave, gutter, and down spouts, at 14 cents	119 00
Iron columns, ironmongery, and hardware	2,500 00
Plumbers' work	2,500 00
Sewer and painting, not included above	625 00
	—————
	37,955 81

Inside fixtures:

Carpenters' work	\$1,336 55
Lumber for ditto	1,000 00
Hardware	100 00
	—————
	2,436 55
	—————
The lot, 264.9 by 175.3, contains 46,397 $\frac{5}{8}$ feet, which I estimate, including grading and paving and fence walls, at 30 cents per foot	40,392 36
	—————
	13,919 22
	—————
	54,311 58
	—————

Commission, \$10.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. HARKNESS, *Measurer.*

JOHN HEART, Esq.,

Superintendent of Public Printing.

Statement of the cost, and estimate of the present value of the buildings, machinery, materials, and fixtures in the public printing office.

Materials, machinery, &c.	Cost.	Deduction.	Valuation.
Printing presses, (26)-----	\$48,500 00	$\frac{1}{4}$	\$36,375 00
Type, metal, furniture, &c.-----	26,300 00	$\frac{1}{2}$	13,150 00
Steam engine and appendages-----	15,000 00	$\frac{1}{5}$	12,000 00
Hydraulic presses-----	8,000 00	$\frac{1}{2}$	6,000 00
Drying room fixtures-----	4,000 00	$\frac{1}{4}$	3,000 00
Gas fixtures-----	2,900 00	$\frac{1}{4}$	2,175 00
Standing-presses and fixtures in the wetting room, standing-presses, machinery, and fixtures in the bindery and folding rooms, machinery and fixtures in the machine shop, cases, chases, imposing-stones, stands, water-pipes, heating-pipes, horses, wagons, &c -----	29,300 00	$\frac{1}{3}$	19,534 00
The buildings, consisting of printing office, paper warehouse, machine shop, stables, carriage house, coal house, boiler house, all of brick-----	134,000 00	-----	92,234 00
The ground, 264.9 × 175.3, = 46,397.5 -----	45,000 00	-----	40,392 00
	6,800 00	-----	13,919 00
	185,800 00	-----	146,545 00





PUBLIC PRINTING.

LETTER

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC PRINTING,

TRANSMITTING

A report of the condition of the public printing during the year 1860.

DECEMBER 10, 1860.—Referred to the Committee on Printing.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC PRINTING,
Washington, December 10, 1861.

SIR: The continued absence from this city of Thomas H. Ford, esq., House printer, and the refusal of Messrs. Larcombe & English, who executed for him the printing ordered at the last session of Congress, to continue that arrangement, make it my duty to communicate the facts to the House of Representatives, and to respectfully request its direction as to the printing of the present session, a considerable portion of which is now in this office, the immediate completion of which is urgently required for the exigencies of the public service.

The reasons of Messrs. Larcombe & English for the course they have pursued are assigned in the accompanying letter. It is but justice to them to state that the work intrusted to them heretofore by this office has been executed promptly and satisfactorily.

In this connexion I deem it proper to state that, in pursuance of the provisions of the joint resolution in relation to the public printing approved June 23, 1860, I have entered into a contract with Mr. Joseph T. Crowell for the purchase of the printing establishment formerly owned by Mr. Cornelius Wendell, which contract I have transmitted to the Joint Committee on the Public Printing. Should it meet their approval, the entire printing and binding of all the branches of the government, or any portion thereof, can at once be executed under its own control and by its own officers. The expediency and propriety of such a policy I have heretofore strongly advocated, and present experience has but strengthened my convictions upon the subject.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
JOHN HEART,
Superintendent.

Hon. WILLIAM PENNINGTON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, December 8, 1860.

SIR: Having executed the printing for the House of Representatives for the first session of the 36th Congress, under a contract or partnership with Thomas H. Ford, House printer, and, as we trust and believe, to your entire satisfaction, we deem it due to you to inform you that we cannot any longer continue our contract with the House printer.

The reason for taking this step lies in the fact that Congress, at the last session, reduced the prices to be paid for printing 40 per cent. below the prices paid at the time we made our contract with the present House printer, leaving barely enough, as we believe, to pay the actual cost of the work.

While, therefore, we would be willing to execute the printing for the House of Representatives directly, for the prices now allowed by law, we cannot consent to do it for any intermediate party.

We are anxious to keep our office employed; our relations to those who constitute the establishment impel us to obtain all the work we can; but it could not be expected of us to execute it at a sacrifice.

We are, very respectfully, your obedient servants,

LARCOMBE & ENGLISH.

JOHN HEART, Esq.,

Superintendent of the Public Printing.

DEFICIENCIES FOR PAPER AND PRINTING.

LETTER

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PUBLIC PRINTING,

COMMUNICATING

Estimates for Printing and Paper.

DECEMBER 10, 1860.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC PRINTING,
Washington, December 10, 1860.

SIR: It becomes my duty to inform the House of Representatives that the appropriations for the printing ordered at the last session of Congress, and for the requisite quantity of paper, have proved inadequate for those purposes. Upon the completion of the printing, it is estimated that there will be a deficiency in the appropriation therefor of one hundred and two thousand dollars, a very large proportion of which sum is now due for work executed, and the residue will be required in a few months, when the printing will be completed.

The deficiency in the appropriations for paper amounts to the sum of eighty-five thousand eight hundred and sixteen dollars and thirty-eight cents, all which is now due to the contractors.

I have to request, therefore, that an appropriation may be made as follows:

“To supply deficiencies in the appropriations heretofore made for printing ordered by the Senate and House of Representatives at the 1st session of the 36th Congress, and for paper for the same, one hundred and eighty-seven thousand eight hundred and sixteen dollars and thirty-eight cents.”

I have also to state that the appropriation for the printing of the present session of Congress is but \$70,000, and for paper \$100,000. The estimates for this service, prepared at this office, and submitted to the Register of the Treasury, required \$132,250 for the printing, and \$178,849 for the paper. The amount appropriated for the printing, (\$70,000,) notwithstanding the reduction of forty per cent. authorized by the act of the last session, will in all probability be

insufficient for the purpose; and as the paper is purchased by contract from year to year, after public advertisement, I have reason to believe that no material reduction will be made in its cost, and that the amount appropriated (\$100,000) will also be insufficient.

For these reasons I respectfully recommend that further deficiency appropriations may be made as follows:

"To supply the deficiency in the appropriation for paper required for the printing of the 2d session of the 36th Congress, fifty thousand dollars."

"To supply the deficiency in the appropriation for the printing of the 2d session of the 36th Congress, thirty thousand dollars."

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. HEART,
Superintendent.

Hon. WILLIAM PENNINGTON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PUBLIC PRINTING OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS,
THIRTY-SIXTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION.

LETTER

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC PRINTING,

IN RELATION TO

The printing of both Houses of Congress.

DECEMBER 19, 1860.—Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC PRINTING,
Washington, December 12, 1860.

SIR : In compliance with your verbal request, I submit the following statements, embracing, I believe, all the information required by you. They are based upon estimates prepared in this office with much care, and are believed to be very nearly correct :

THIRTY-SIXTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION.

1st.—Total amount of printing ordered by the Senate	\$67,139 00
Total amount of printing ordered by the House	145,489 01
Total amount ordered by both Houses.....	212,628 01

2d.—This printing has been, or is to be, executed as follows :

Printing of the <i>Senate</i> by the <i>Senate Printer</i>	\$52,672 52
Printing of the <i>Senate</i> by the <i>House Printer</i>	14,466 48
Total amount of printing ordered by the <i>Senate</i> ...	67,139 00
Printing of the <i>House</i> by the <i>House Printer</i>	\$88,202 51
Printing of the <i>House</i> by the <i>Senate Printer</i>	57,286 50
Total amount of printing ordered by the <i>House</i> ...	145,489 01
Total amount of printing executed and to be executed...	212,628 01

Amount of printing by the <i>Senate</i> Printer for both Houses	\$109,959	02
Amount of printing by the <i>House</i> Printer for both Houses	102,668	99
Total amount.....	212,628	01

3d.—Upon the completion of the printing, the amount due to the Public Printers will be as follows:

To the <i>Senate</i> Printer, for <i>Senate</i> printing.....	\$27,077	42
To the <i>House</i> Printer, for <i>Senate</i> printing.....	10,119	12

Amount due for <i>Senate</i> printing.....	37,196	54
To the <i>Senate</i> Printer, for <i>House</i> printing	\$51,475	73
To the <i>House</i> Printer, for <i>House</i> printing	13,955	74

Amount due for <i>House</i> printing	65,431	47
Total amount due the Public Printers.....	102,628	01

4th.—Total amount of printing ordered by the Senate and House.....

212,628 01

Appropriation, per act of March 3, 1859.....	\$70,000	00
Appropriation, per act of May 24, 1860	40,000	00

Total amount of appropriations.....	110,000	00
Deficiency in appropriations.....	102,628	01

It may be proper to remark that the amount for *dry pressing* is included in each of the foregoing statements, for the reason that the cost thereof is charged to and paid out of the appropriations made for printing.

Very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN HEART, *Superintendent.*

Hon. JOHN SHERMAN,
Chairman Committee of Ways and Means,
House of Representatives.

